

In this sealing structure, the cylindrical portion of the seal member made of an elastic substance is fitted to the second member, and bringing the tapered sealing portion into contact with the outer circumferential surface of the first member seals the clearance between the two members. Herein, the fact that the tapered sealing portion is brought into contact with the first member to seal the clearance between the two members means that the surface area of the contacting places is smaller, making degradation in rotational performance unlikely. Likewise, that fact that, like O-rings, the seal member is entirely made of an elastic substance makes it extendable/contractible, which means that, for example, it may be fastened to the second member simply by fitting its cylindrical portion into a groove. Components and space for fastening the seal member are therefore made unnecessary.

These and other objects, features, aspects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description, which, taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, discloses a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Referring now to the attached drawings which form a part of this original disclosure:

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of a lever-drag reel in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a side view of the lever-drag reel in accordance with the first embodiment;

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of sealing section for cover member;

Figure 4 is a left-side view of a spinning reel in accordance with the second embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 5 is a left-side cross-sectional view in accordance with the second embodiment;

Figure 6 is an exploded perspective view of reel unit in accordance with the second embodiment;